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SUBJ: POSSIBLE VISIT OF NMTBA MEMBERS TO IRAQ

REF: BAGHDAD 347

1. OFFICIALLY SPONSORED MACHINE TOOL BUILDERS ASSOCIATION TRADE MISSION WILL VISIT EGYPT APRIL 18-23, IRAN APRIL 23 TO MAY 1. IRAQ NOT, REPEAT NOT, INCLUDED ON ITINERARY. NMTBA AWARE CAN'T VISIT IRAQ AS TRADE MISSION. MEMBERS, HOWEVER, CONSIDERING VISITING IRAQ LATE FALL OR SPRING, 1976, AND WILL NOTIFY USINT, BAGHDAD IN SUFFICIENT TIME TO MAKE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENT. TRAVEL PLANS OF ARNOLD HELLEWELL, A MEMBER OF OFFICIAL NMTBA MISSION INCLUDED STOP OVER IN IRAQ APRIL 7-13 ENROUTE EGYPT.

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2. COMMERCE SUGGESTED UNIVERSAL TRAVEL SERVICE, WASHING-

TON WHO IS HANDLING TRAVEL PLANS FOR NMTBA MISSION TO EGYPT/
IRAN TO COMMUNICATE DIRECTLY WITH SINT, BAGHDAD RE ASSIS-
TANCE IN OBTAINING HOTEL RESERVATIONS ON BEHALF HELLEWELL
DURING VISIT IRAQ. HELLEWELL IS DIRECTOR INTERNATIONAL
SALES, BROWN AND SHARP MANUFACTURING CO., ONE OF U.S. MOST
PRESTIGIOUS MACHINE TOOL FIRMS AND IS FURTHER A FULLY
RESPONSIBLE AND REPUTABLE INDIVIDUAL.

3. COMMERCE HAS NO INFORMATION ON CHARTER COMPANY AND
ITS PROPOSED VISIT TO BAGHDAD.

4. STATE ADVISES THEY RECEIVED CABLE FROM CHARTER COM-
PANY ADVISING OF INTEREST IN VISITING BAGHDAD BUT CABLE
CONTAINED NO INDICATION THAT COMPANY WISHED ANY ASSIS-
TANCE RE PROPOSED MISSION. CABLE CONTAINED NO RETURN
ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER OTHER INFORMATION TO FACILITATE
THEM IN LOCATING FIRM. STATE FINALLY LOCATED COMPANY
PHONE NUMBER BUT COMPANY REPRESENTATIVE WAS UNCERTAIN OF
INTENT OF CABLE AND FURTHER COULD PROVIDE NO REPEAT NO
DEFINITIVE INFORMATION WITH RESPECT TO COMPANY'S DESIRE
FOR ASSISTANCE. KISSINGER

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